

Research Group Seeks Probe Of Kennedy's Assassination

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NEW YORK — A research group urging a new investigation of President Kennedy's assassination said Thursday that it was seeking the identity of two of three men photographed in police custody in Dallas just after the fatal shooting Nov. 22, 1963.

The Kennedy Assassination Inquiry Committee, whose national chairman is Trent Gough, a Canadian actor, said the picture of one long-nosed, thin-lipped man resembled a Mexico City police sketch of a suspect in the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Mexican sketch of last April 10 was drawn by Sergio Lambert, assertedly from a description provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Richard Sprague, a management consultant and photograph researcher, said that the three

men might have been removed from freight cars in a railroad yard just ahead of the assassination site in Dealey Plaza in Dallas within 45 minutes to an hour after the shooting.

HE NOTED testimony before the Warren Commission inquiry into the assassination in which D. V. Harkness, a Dallas police sergeant, said that he and other men had pulled some "tramps and hoboes" off a long freight train that was about to leave the yards, and had them taken in for questioning.

He also cited a report in commission documents in which Deputy Sheriff Harold E. Ekins, of the Dallas Sheriff's Office, said that he had taken three prisoners brought in by a policeman from the railroad yards and had turned them over to Police Capt. J. Will Fritz, chief of the Homicide Bureau.

The third of the three men, Sprague said, may have been identified in another report in which Deputy Sheriff C. L. Lewis listed that day one "Lonnie Ray Wright w-en 3 time lower (sic), drunk, put in jail. Was on RR track."

The suggestions were raised during a news conference at the Taft Hotel here. Gough, 30 years old, said the committee was formed last November as the Citizens Committee of Inquiry. It changed its name, he said, in part not to be confused with a former group that had had Mark Lane, lawyer and writer, as its chairman.

GOUGH SAID the group had about 50 contributing members and 40 or 50 other volunteer helpers through the country. He said supporters included Paul Goodman, writer, and David McReynolds, pacifist, but the only other officer was Sylvia Bernstein, treasurer, another Canadian.

Gough said his committee did not subscribe to any theory of

—and had seen 600 himself, while he believed the Federal Bureau of Investigation had seen only about 50 and the Warren Commission 25.

His view, Sprague said, is that Kennedy was "caught in a crossfire by shots from three and possibly more persons" — none of them in the sixth floor window at the Texas School Book Depository from where the commission concluded that a lone assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, had fired.